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1. ON DECEMBER 31, THE EMBASSY FORWARDED THE U.S. REPLY TO THE
POLISH NOTE ON THE NOMINATION OF DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI AS

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POLISH ANTARCTIC OBSERVER AS PROVIDED IN STATE 302842. THE

FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE REPLY DATED
JANUARY 31 WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTRY:

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONVEYS EXPRESSIONS
OF RESPECT TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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AND REFERRING TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. RE OF DECEMBER 31,
1975 HAS THE HONOR TO EXPRESS ITS SATISFACTION WITH THE AS-
SURANCES OF READINESS TO ASSISST THE POLISH SCIENTIFIC
EXPEDITION BY THE UNITED STATES STATIONS IN THE ANTARCTIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, IN CONNECTION WITH THE NON-RECOGNI-
TION BY THE UNITED STATES OF THE POWERS OF DR. S. RAKUSA-
SUSZCZEWSKI AS THE ANTARCTIC OBSERVER FOR THE POLISH SIDE
FOR THE ANTARCTIC SUMMER 1976/76, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS WISHES TO COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING:

1. POLAND BECAME A PARTY TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY
BY ACCESSION IN 1961, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
OF THE ART. XIII OF THE TREATY.
2. BY SENDING THE CURRENT SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION TO
THE ANTARCTIC REGION IN THE PERIOD OF ANTARCTIC SUMMER
(DECEMBER 1975-MARCH 1976) POLAND HAS OBTAINED THE RIGHT
TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSULTATIVE
MEETINGS AS PROVIDED FOR IN ART. IX, ITEM 2, FURTHER
MENTIONED IN ITEM 1 OF THIS ARTICLE.
3. THROUGH OBTAINING OF THE RIGHT TO APPOINT A REPRE-
SENTATIVE FOR PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATIONS THE POLISH
SIDE AT THE SAME TIME GAINED THE RIGHT TO NOMINATE AN
ANTARCTIC OBSERVER UNDER THIS PROVISION OF ARTICLE VII.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION COMMUNICATED ABOVE,
POLAND HAS OBTAINED INDISPUTABLY THE RIGHT TO NOMINATE
DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI AS THE ANTARCTIC OBSERVER FOR THE
POLISH SIDE FOR THE ANTARCTIC SUMMER 1975/1976.

ALSO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMS, THAT
BESIDES THIS FIRST INDEPENDENT ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION,
POLAND AD MANY TIMES PARTICIPATED IN THE SOVIET EXPEDITIONS
IN THE YEARS 1968-70/14 SAE, 1971-72/17 SAE, 1973-74/19 SAE,
AS WELL AS IN SOME AMERICAN EXPEDITIONS. WE BELIVE THIS
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PARTICIPATION IS A SUFFICIENT CONFIRMATION OF POLAND'S
INTEREST IN THE ANTARCTIC WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ARTICLE
IX, ITEM 2.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
EXPRESSES ITS CONVICTION THAT THE MISUNDERSTANDING ORIGINATING
FROM THE INTERPRETATION, AND NOT FROM THE SUBSTANCE OF THE
ANTARCTIC TREATY, WILL BE REVISED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE, AND

THT DR. RAKUSA-SUSZCZEWSKI'S POWERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS
VALID. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT NONE OF THE STATES
NOTIFIED OF THE NOMINATION BY THE POLISH SIDE HAS QUESTIONED
THE RIGHT AND POWERS OF POLAND TO NOMINATE AN ANTARCTIC
OBSERVER.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THE
OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY IT EXPRESSIONS OF HIGH
RESPECT."

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